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RICHMOND, VA., WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21, 1906.

# MASKED MEN LOOT BANK OF \$432,500

A Gigantic Robbery In Moscow While Streets Were Crowded.

### TWENTY MEN WERE IN THE BAND

Went About Their Task Silently, Gagged Guards, Opened Safe and Walked Out With Every Kopec, Including Coin and

(By Associated Press,)

MOSCOW, March 20 .- The Credit Mutual, one of the largest banks in Mos s mysteriously robbed by masked at dusk to-night, the robbers secur-

It was an extremely during job. The facts already developed raise the ques-tion whether the robbery was committed by or under the direction of some one at

tion whether the robbery was committed by or under the direction of some one at present or previously employed in the institution. The bank is situated in Illinka Street, in the heart of the city. The last of the cierks had just departed, leaving an inside guard of three men, while under the porte-cochere outside were a policeman and the house porter. The streetw as crowded with people hurrying homeward.

According to the story of the guards, in the twinkling of an eye they were confronted with revolvers in the hands of twenty masked men, who had entered silently by the main door, which had been leeked when the office force left. After a command to the guards to hold up their hands, not a word was spoken. The guards were quickly bound and gagged and thrown into a dark corner. The robbers then took up positions at all the entrances, and the cartains of the windows were lowered.

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The chief of the robbers, who directed the operations of his associates by gestures and without speaking, showed thorough familiarity with the location of the vaults. When all was ready, he went to the heavy, burglar-proof safe, and, with a few whirls of the knob, threw the combination of the lock, the heavy doors swung open, and the treasure of the bank was revealed.

The plunder, consisting of gold, silver and notes, was speedily thrust into sacks. When a clean haul of the noney had been made, not a kopee being left, the robbers departed as silently as they came, making their exit through the main entrance and leaving no trace behind them. They had been in the bank less than half an hoar. Twenty minutes later one of the guirds succeeded in freeing himself and gave the alarm. The dunfounded policeman and house porter who had been standing in front of the Civelen, the Thames residence of Wiliumfounded polleeman and house porter who had been standing in front of the bank throughout, calimed they had seen no one enter or leave it.

### USED DEAD BODIES TO WORK NEW GRAFT

(By Associated Press.)

BUFFALO, N. Y., March 20.—The jury brought in a verdict of guilty to-night in the case of Howland J. Conover, charged with entering into a conspiracy with John with entering into a conspiracy with John W. Neff, former county auditor, by which hie county of Eric was robbed of thousinds of dollars. The case grew out of the conversion of the old cemetery on North Street, in this city, into a site for new Sixty-fifth Regiment armory. Conver secured the contract for the removal of the bodies from the North Street. Cemetery and their reinterment in the akeside Cemetery. The prosecution produced witnesses who swore that Conver and his workmen divided the bones found in many separate graves into several parcels, burying each parcel as a separate body, and collecting from the

### CAPTAIN BLAMED FOR VALENCIA DISASTER

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VICTORIA, B. C., March 20.—The finding of the commissioners appointed to
inquire into the Velencia disaster was
delivered to-day. The report found Captain Johnson blamable in not having located his position by Umatila Reef lightships before attempting to enter the
straits, and held him guilty of grave errors of judgment also in not having
made due allowance for the northward
set of the current, well known to coast
navigators. Consure was passed upon
the lack of discipline prevailing after
the wreek,

### AMERICA NEEDS GREAT .WARSHIPS, DEWEY SAYS



WILLIAM ROCKEFELLER. Standard Oil magnate, one of the richest men in the world, now suffering from cancer.

STANDARD OIL MAN SUFFERS CANCER

Condition of William Rockefeller, However, Said to Be Not Alarming As Yet.

NEW YORK, March 20.-The Evening

statements that William Rockefeller is

\$100,000 yearly.

### CROPS IN DANGER; RAINS DO DAMAGE

(By Associated Press.)

ATLANTA, GA., March 20.—Reports from almost every section of the peach belt to-night indicate that the crop will be severely damaged by the frost which will likely accompany the drop in temperature, which has followed the recent heavy rains. According to those reports, the greatest danger is a heavy frost. As the high winds of the past twenty-four hours have left the blooms and young peaches practically dry, a freeze would not do so much damage, but a heavy frost, it is estimated, would cause a loss of forty per cent. The local Weather Bureau predicts the mercury will drop to twenty-five in this immediate section and that the wind will almost subside. Such conditions, it is said, will almost surely be productive of a heavy frost. (By Associated Press.)

MONTGOMERY, ALA., March 20.—From every section of the State come telegrams telling of almost unprecedented rainfalls, followed by much colder weather. It is feared that the fruit crop has been damaged and farming operations have been greatly delayed. Railroad traffic is still greatly hampered, but the numerous washouts are being repaired rapidly and schedules are resuming.

# SET FIRE TO HIS WIFE'S HOUSE

Sensational Arrest of **Prominent Raleigh** Merchant.

### **FOLLOWS SUIT FOR HEAVY DAMAGES**

The Warrant Issued On Allidavit of the State Insurance Commissioner - Harry Clark, the Escaped Convict, Cap-

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
RALEIGH, N. C., March 20.—A warrant
as issued this afternoon on artidavit
State Insurance Commissioner James was issued this afternoon on anidation of State Insurance Commissioner James R. Young, charging M. T. Norris, prominent merchant of this city, with setting fire to an unoccupied farm house owned by his wife in order to get the \$500 insurance carried with the North Carolina Home Insurance Company, of this city. The wayrant was issued by Justice of the Peace D. G. Conn. and Mr. Norris gave bond in the sum of \$1,000 for his appearance next Friday for the preliminary hearing.

It will be remembered that Mrs. Norris had entered suit for the amount of the policy, when a few days ago, the insurance company filed their answer, making the sensational charge that the company had reason to believe that the frows started by an agent of the owner that she might get the insurance, the understanding being that the company meant that Mr. Norris had set fire to the place.

Following the filing of this answer, Mrs. Norris instituted suit for damages against the Home Company for \$50,000 damages for libel and slander. Now follows the third sensation in the arrest of Norris by the State insurance commissioner on the criminal charge of burning the house.

Harry Clark, under sentence of cighteen months on the county roads for participance in the shooting in Union Depot, this city, last Cetober, which resulted in the killing of Charles F. Smith, of Petersburg, and who escaped from the convert camp last night was recaptured at Youngaville, this county, this afternoon. He was identified by the withess Shadrick, who Testified Egitins himr in the trial, and when arrested was wearing citizens clothes over his convict stripes.

### ARGUMENTS CLOSE IN PERE MARQUETTE CASE

## HULL WILL SUE DOBSON FOR SLANDEROUS SPEECH

(By Associated Press.)
DES MOINES, IOWA, March 20.—
Congressman J. A. T. Hull to-day gave notice that he would sue his opponent, Republican nomination in this district. The speech was delivered last night and was sensational in its accusations. Dobson declared Hull had used his office for personal enrichment; that he was in league with Wall Street interests, and that he had been corruptly renominated two day granted a writ of error and supersefor the defendant in error, and submitted. Republican nomination in this district.

### MUTINY AND MASSACRE MINERS FLEE TO SAVE FOLLOWS EXECUTION?

Sensational Unconfirmed Dispatches Say Sebastopol is Almost Entirely in Flames.

# LIVES; SIXTEEN DEAD

Property Loss in West Now Estimated at Half Million



# MAY CHOOSE CITY

State Fair Committee Makes the Final Tour Looking for Location.

WILL DETERMINE SHORTLY

Strong Member of Finance Committee Talks Interestingly of the Subject.

The louit committee banned to Select a ion, took another tour yesterday aftererence to the matter.

The party left the City Hall riages at 4 P. M., and spent the entire afternoon in viewing various places that were Messrs, J. T. Anderson, J. G. Corley and John Murphy, representing the Fair Association, and W. T. Dabney and G. K Pollock, the Finance Committee, Mr the only absentee.

May Take City Nursery.

tage during the summer months, and it is within easy reach of all street car lines. My view is that the city does not desire to go into the country, and purchase property for a fair, which, when not in use for this purpose would be of no value."

The member quoted thinks it might be necessary to purchase a little strip of land from Major Dooley, but he is of opinion that this could be easily secured.

### THE WEATHER

Forecast: Virginia-Fair Wed esday and Thursay; fresh west winds. North Carolina-Fair Wednesday and Thursday; warmer in west portion Thurs-day; light west winds.

### Opening of Cathedral Not Occur at Easter

HARMONY!

Bishop Van de Vyver yesterday gave out the statement that the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart would not be consecrated at Easter.

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"It has been published." said the
Bishop, "that the cathedral will be
completed by Easter. This is not
true. We will not be able to have it
finished by that time.
"When the consecration will take
place I cannot say, but certainly not
for many months."

# WITH CROWBAR

South and Western Railroad Foreman Quells a Riot.

WAS ATTACKED BY ITALIANS

Chief Counsel of the South and Western Goes to Investi-

### TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM TO BE REVOLUTIONIZED

PHILADELPHIA, PA, March 29.—
Mayor Weaver to-day met the officers of
the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company,
which controls all the railway facilities
of the olty, and reached an agreement
by which the system of transportation
will be revolutionized. The agreement
includes, rapid transit by subway and
elevated lines in three years; an assurance of competition, and the recovery
by the city of millions of dollars worth
of franchises.

# MINERS CONFER WITH OPERATORS

Demands of Former Are Referred to Joint Scale Com-

mittee.

### BAER REPLIES TO MITCHELL

Accepts Suggestion That Hard Coal Operators and Miners Meet Again.

(By Associated Press.)

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., Alarch 20.—The scool joint conference of the coal operators and miners of the Central Competitive District, comprising the States of Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and Western Pennsylvania, which is the result of the efforts of President Roosevelt to effect a permanent peace in the coal industry throughout the United States, adjourned this aftermoon after referring the demands of the miners to the joint scale committee, which will begin its deliberations to-morrow.

George W. Traer, an operator of Chicago, was made permanent chairman. On motion of President Mitchell, the rules of the previous joint conference, requiring that the vote of the operators on "all main and principal questions" be case as a unit, were adopted.

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President Mitchell delivered a brief address in which he outlined his views as to the purpose of the extraordinary joint conference, at the close of which he moved the adoption of the scale of wages demanded by the miners in the joint conference which adjourned February 2. The scale provides for an increase of 12 1-2 per cent. The motion was lost on a strictly partisan vote, the operators voting unanimously in the negative, while the miners voted as a unit in favor of its adoption.

and maintain industrial peace in the coal fields of this country."

John If, Winder, of Ohio, the newly elected chairman of the operators, prefaced the motion for the adoption of a resolution by a brief address in reply to the remarks of President Mitchell. The resolution, which provided that the present wage scale, with all attending conditions, be adopted for a period of one year, beginning April 1st, was deteated. Mr. Winder said that operators had failed to find my other basis of agreement than the scale of 1904.

Another Conference. (By Associated Press.) NEW YORK, March 20.—There will be (Continued on Second Page.)

### THOUSANDS KILLED; DAMAGE \$45,000.000 AND COULD NOT APPEAR

Entire Towns Destroyed in For- Charles M. Adams Again on Stand mosa-Government Doing Business in Open Air.

# PIERCE SUDDENLY ILL

and Subjected to Severe Cross-Examination,

## SHIPS WRECKED: MANY LIVES LOST

PRICE TWO CENTS.

Great Havoc On Coast In Gale of Last Two Days.

### STEAMER SMASHED TO PIECES, 5 LOST

Wreckage and Bodies of Seamen Came Ashore at Marblehead . Neck-Captain and Two

> Sailors Lost on a Norfolk

(By Associated Press.) BOSTON, MASS., March 20.-in the torm of March 19th and 20th at least a dozen vessels were wrecked or damaged off the coast when the storm was at its height last night. The list of disasters and less serious accidents, includes the

and less serious accidents, includes the following:
Lady Antrim, of Booth Bay, Me., total wreck at Marblehead; five lost.
Rosa Mueller, of Booth Bay, ashore at Cape Podue, Mass.; crew escaped.
Marion Draper, of Booth Bay, ashore, but floated at Hyannis.
Winnle Lawry, of Boston, sunk off South Yarmouth, Mass.; crew rescued.
C. C. Lane, of New Haven, wrecked at Boston light; crew rescued.
Sarah A, Reed, of Calia, Me., ashore at Jones Port, Me.; crew escaped.
Barge No. 17, N. E. Transportation Company, sunk at New London; woman lost.

### WRECKAGE AND **BODIES FLOAT IN**

Lady Antrim Dashed to Pieces During Storm-Crew of Five Drowned

(By Associated Press.).

MARBLEHEAD. MASS., March 20—Wreckage of the Booth Buy, Mc., achooner Lady Antrim, was washed up at Marblehead Neck to-day. Later two bodies of seamen came ashore.

The Lady Antrim carried a crew of five men, and as she was liferally smushed to pleces, it is feared all were lost. The vessel was so completely smushed up that it was some hours after the wreckage had been discovered that her identity was learned. The first body was found high upon the beach about noon, and several hours later the other was hauled out of the surf.

Woman's Glove Found.

A portion of the vessel's stern, painted

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A portion of the vessel's stern, painted black, on which were the words "Booth Bay," in white letters, was recovered late this afternoon. This was the first indication of the laaling port of the vessel. Just before dark one of the searchers picked up a sideboard on which were the words "Lady Antrim." The searchers found also a quantity of clothing, and among it was a woman's glove. There were no other portions of a woman's apparel found on the beach.

The Lady Antrim was a two-masted, center-board schooner of eighty-three tons, net burden. She was built at Edenton, N. C., in 1857. She was owned and commanded by J. H. McClintock, of Booth Bay Harbor, Maine, and it is thought he was one of the victims of the wreck.

### NINETEEN PERISH IN MEXICAN STORM

Two Pleasure-Seekers and Seventeen Fishrmen Killed Off Cost of Vera Cruz.

(By Associated Press.)

MENICO CITY, March 20.—Nineteen persons perished in a terrific northed which swept the coast of Vera Cruz yestroday. Two of the storm victims were pleasure-seekers from this city. B. Strittmatter, nephew of J. C. Strittmatter, nyesident of the American Club, and Francisco Pena, a member of a prominent family here. The other 17 were fisherman.

men.
J. C. Bush, C. H. Bush and R. Bark-ley, who were in a boat with Strittmatter and Pena, were rescued, It is believed that there has been further loss of life. As yet no reports have been made of vessels lost.

### TUG AND BARGES HIT BY THE GALE

Left Norfolk Friday and Had Thrilling Experience at Sea.

secondary to the secondary secondary secondary with the barge J. R. Dempsey in tow, after a thrilling experience at sea, in which Captain Hickman was compelled to abandon the barge Martha McCabe, on which were Captain Williams with the latter were thrown off in a small boat by the crew of the latter were thrown off in a small boat by the crew of the tag, but it is feared that Captain Massey and the two sailors, and the word of the latter were thrown off in a small boat by the crew of the tug, but it is feared that Captain Massey and the two sailors perished with their vessel.

The tug left Norfolk last Friday with the three harges, loaded with rails and railroad ties and proceeded without mishap until Monday morning, when off Atshap until Monday morning with the three harges, loaded without mishap until Monday morning, when off Atshap until Monday morning with the three harges, loaded without mishap until Monday morning with the three harges, loaded without mishap until Monday morning with the three harges, loaded without mishap until Monday morning with the three harges, loaded without mishap until Monday morning with the three harges, loaded without mishap until Monday morning with the three harges and the tug. The latter was first the determined the morning with the train the latter was first the determined the was first the determined the was first the determined the morning with the train the was first the determined the morning with the train the morning with the train the was first the morning with the morning with the was first the morning with the morning with the morning with the mornin